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I. Dental Records.

a. Dental classification of military personnel as desired in paragraph 4, Form WD AGO 8-98, Report of Dental Service, should be in accordance with AR 40-510, which states that, "Special dental surveys will be made when indicated by local conditions". Where there are large numbers of personnel separations and arrival of replacements, particular attention will be given to more accurately determining a complete and current dental survey of the organization. Special surveys should take precedent over any estimation of classification changes, particularly where the resulting figures would be in gross error.

b. It is desired that paragraph 5, Form WD AGO 8-98, monthly Report of Dental Service, show the Adjusted Service Rating Score, total months of active duty since 16 September 1940, and the age of each dental officer reported by name.

c. In accomplishing paragraph 7 of Form WD AGO 8-98, temporary fillings using oxyphosphate cement, zinc oxide and eugenol, and gutta percha as well as silver nitrate treatments, should be classified as "Tooth, treatment of".

II. Dental Technicians. It has come to the attention of this headquarters that dental technicians, specification serial number 067, who are not qualified as such and who have been assigned duties other than those of a dental technician have not been properly re-classified by specification serial number. Conservation of dental technicians, SSN 067, is essential and the Chief Dental Surgeon of every organization will immediately take necessary measures to correct the erroneous classification of any dental technicians within his unit.

III. Professional Service. It has been observed that the amount of professional service rendered by some unit dental officers does not meet local needs to the extent warranted by the adequacy of the available

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personnel and facilities. Professional as well as military obligation demands that each dental officer endeavor to accomplish the most beneficial results with the least possible loss of time.

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